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SUBJECT: CUBAN EMBASSY BOMBING

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SUMMARY: FINAL TOLL IN APRIL 22 BOMBING OF CUBAN EMBASSY IN LISBON WAS 2 CUBANS DEAD AND FIVE PORTUGUESE INJURED. CUBAN AMBASSADOR HAS BLAMED "CIA AND REACTION" FOR BLAST, WHILE GOP HAS DEPLORED INCIDENT AND INCREASED SECURITY FOR OTHER EMBASSIES. PARTIES HAVE UNIFORMLY DENOUNCED BOMBING, BUT ONLY ONE RADICAL GROUP HAS SO FAR LINKED U.S. TO INCIDENT. EMBASSY WAS VISITED NIGHT OF APRIL 22 BY ABOUT 45 YOUTHS WHO BRIEFLY CHANTED ANTI-AMERICAN SLOGANS AND THREATS OF RETALIATION HAVE BEEN REPORTED. APPROPRIATE SECURITY MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN. END SUMMARY.

1. CASUALTIES: FINAL TOLL IN APRIL 22 BOMBING OF CUBAN

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EMBASSY IN LISBON (REF A) WAS TWO DEAD AND FIVE WOUNDED.

FATALITIES WERE CUBANS EFARU MONTEAGUDO, A CODE CLERK, AND ADRIANA CORCHO CALLEJAS, WIFE OF COUNSELOR OF EMBASSY CRESCENCIO E. PALENZUELA PAEZ. INJURED WERE ALL PORTUGUESE.

2. DETAILS REPORTED: DEVICE USED IN BOMBING WAS REPORTEDLY PLASTIC EXPLOSIVE CHARGE OF SOPHISTICATED CONFIGURATION. PSP SOURCE ASSERTED THAT BOMBING WAS "WORK OF PROFESSIONALS." IN ADDITION TO CASUALTIES, BOMB CAUSED EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO INTERIOR OF CUBAN PREMISES.

3. CIA ACCUSED: SHORTLY AFTER BLAST, CUBAN AMBASSADOR FRANCISCO ASTRAY RODRIGUES REMARKED TO PRESS THAT "THIS WAS THE WORK OF THE CIA AND OF REACTION." HE DECLINED TO COMMENT FURTHER.

4. GOP REACTION: FOREIGN MINISTER ANTUNES, SPEAKING FOR GOP, DEPLORED BOMBING AND EXPRESSED REGRET FOR LOSS OF LIVES. HE PROMISED THAT EVERY EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO CATCH THOSE RESPONSIBLE. FONMIN HAS REPORTED THAT SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR ALL LISBON EMBASSIES ARE BEING AUGMENTED.

5. PARTY REACTIONS: POLITICAL PARTIES HAVE UNIFORMLY DENOUNCED BOMBING AND CALLED FOR RAPID APPREHENSION OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE. LEFTIST PARTIES HAVE ATTRIBUTED ACT TO FORCES OF REACTION, BUT ONLY RADICAL MOVEMENT FOR SOCIALIST LEFT (MES) HAS FORMALLY LINKED "AMERICAN IMPERIALISM" TO INCIDENT.

6. U.S. EMBASSY THREATENED: ONLY RETALIATORY ACTION DIRECTED AGAINST U.S. EMBASSY OCCURED LATE APRIL 22. GROUP OF ABOUT 40 YOUTHS ON WAY TO PCP RALLY BRIEFLY VISITED EMBASSY TO CHANT ANTI-US SLOGANS. NO INCIDENTS OCCURRED. NUMEROUS OFFICIAL AND NON-OFFICIAL SOURCES HAVE, HOWEVER, INFORMED EMBOFFS OF POSSIBLE RETALIATORY ACTION AGAINST EMBASSY. FONMIN SOURCE REPORTED RECEIVING NUMEROUS TELEPHONE WARNINGS NIGHT OF APRIL 22 THAT OTHER EMBASSIES WILL BE BOMBING TARGETS. APPROPRIATE SECURITY MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN HERE, AND CONSULATES HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO DO LIKEWISE (REF B).
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